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Use of Lights and Sirens as a Medical Intervention

It is the position of the Governor’s Emergency Medical Services Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) that the use of Red Lights and Sirens, occurring in over 85% of all responses to 911 scenes yet resulting in potentially lifesaving interventions only 7% of the time. This practice is being associated with increased number and severity of ambulance crashes. The usage of Red Lights and Sirens should be considered a medical intervention and used only when the considered clinical benefits outweigh the known risks, and in collaboration with the Medical Director approved protocols.

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